

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
WESTERN DIVISION  
No. 5:19-CV-509-D

SYNGENTA CROP PROTECTION, LLC,     )  
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Plaintiff,                                     )  
   )  
v.   )  
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ATTICUS, LLC,                                )  
   )  
Defendant.                                    )

**ORDER**

This matter is before the court on Plaintiff's unopposed motion to seal documents submitted in connection with Defendant's Motion for Leave to File a Reply in Support of its Motion to Compel Discovery on the Adama/CSI Azoxystrobin. Plaintiff seeks to seal this information on the ground the filings contain sensitive business and technical information concerning Syngenta's azoxystrobin business (Mot. Seal [DE #577] at 1.) Plaintiff has filed proposed redacted versions of the filings, omitting the portions it contends should not be available to the public.

For the reasons set forth in Plaintiff's motion and supporting memorandum, the court finds that the public's common law right of access is outweighed by Plaintiff's interests in protecting against competitive and/or financial harm to Plaintiff were such information made public. *In re Knight Publ'g Co.*, 743 F.2d 231 (4th Cir. 1984). Public notice of Plaintiff's request to seal and a reasonable opportunity to object have been provided by the filing of its motion, and no objections have been filed with the court. Plaintiff has narrowly tailored its request to remove

only information that is sensitive and confidential and not otherwise publicly known. Plaintiff's motion is therefore allowed.

### CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Plaintiff's Motion to Seal [DE #577] is GRANTED. It is ORDERED that the following documents be SEALED: Defendant's Motion and Memorandum for Leave to File a Reply in Support of its Motion to Compel Discovery on the Adama/CSI Azoxystrobin [DE #547] and Defendant's Proposed Reply attached thereto [DE #547-1]. Redacted versions of these filings are available at DE ##578-3 and 578-4.

This 21st day of September 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kimberly A. Swank", is written over a horizontal line.

KIMBERLY A. SWANK  
United States Magistrate Judge